

GAME, FISH AND PARKS COMMISSION ACTION PROPOSAL

Prairie Elk Hunting Season Chapter 41:06:59

Commission Meeting Dates:	Public Hearing Finalization	April 4, 2013 April 4-5, 2013	Winner Winner
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COMMISSION PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS

<u>Season Dates:</u>	Unit 09A	September 15 – October 31 and December 1-15, 2013
	Unit 11A	July 15 – August 31, 2013
	Unit 11B	September 1 – October 18, 2013
	Unit 11C	October 19 – December 31, 2013
	Unit 11D	September 1 – December 31, 2013
	Unit 15A	September 14 – October 31 and December 1-31, 2013
	Unit 27A	September 1 – October 31, 2013
	Unit 30A	September 1 – December 31, 2013

<u>Open Area:</u>	Unit 09A	Portions of Butte and Lawrence County
	Unit 11A,B,C,D	Bennett County and portions of Mellette County
	Unit 15A	Portions of Butte County
	Unit 27A	Portions of Fall River County
	Unit 30A	Portions of Gregory County

<u>Licenses:</u>	Unit 09A	8 “any elk” and 8 “antlerless elk” licenses
	Unit 11A,B,C,D	15 “any elk” and 20 “antlerless elk” licenses
	Unit 15A	10 “any elk” and 16 “antlerless elk” licenses
	Unit 27A	10 “any elk” and 5 “antlerless elk” licenses
	Unit 30A	2 “any elk” and 2 “antlerless elk” licenses

Requirements and Restrictions:

1. No person may possess more than one (1) elk license of any type in a year.
2. No more than two persons may submit applications together.
3. Except for landowner/operator preference applicants, no person who receives a license in the first drawing for this season shall be eligible to apply for a prairie elk license in first drawings for the next 9 years.
4. One-half of the licenses allocated in each unit are available for landowner/operator preference. One member of each qualifying landowner/operator household may apply every year.
5. Each elk harvested must be inspected by a Conservation Officer or designee within 24 hours after kill.

Proposed changes from last year:

1. Adjust the number of licenses available from 47 “any elk” and 53 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 100 licenses) to 45 “any elk” and 51 “antlerless elk” licenses (total of 96 licenses).
2. Modify Unit 30 (Gregory County) by removing that portion of Boyd County, Nebraska (see attached map).
3. Adjust the season dates for Unit 30 (Gregory County) from September 29 – October 28 and December 1-31 to September 1 – December 31.
4. Adjust the season dates for Unit 11B (Bennett County and portions of Mellette County) from September 1 to the second Sunday of October to September 1 to the Friday before the third Saturday in October.
5. Add Unit 11D (Bennett County and portions of Mellette County) with season dates of September 1 – December 31.

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

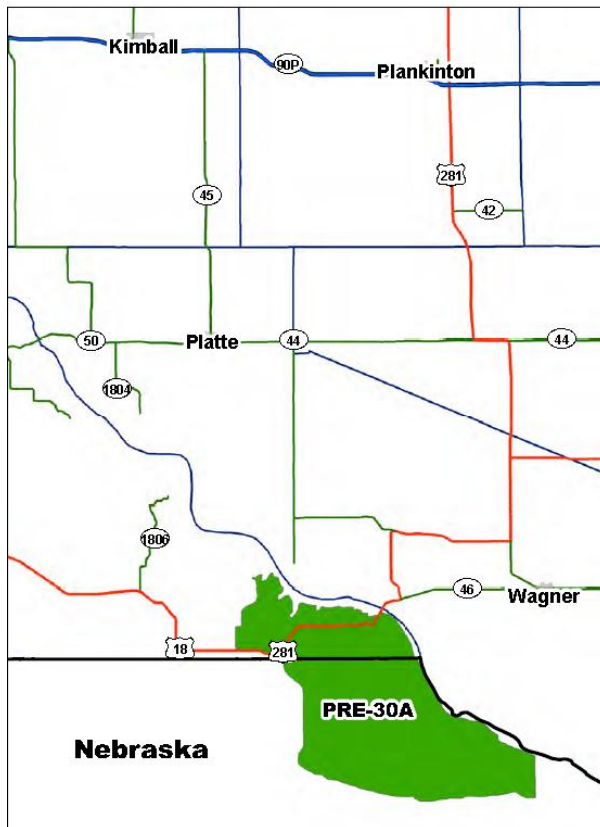
Year	Licensed Hunters	Hunter Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
2008	76	48%	17	18
2009	133	39%	26	22
2010	134	41%	24	31
2011	128	28%	19	17
2012	97	46%	24	20

2012	"Any Elk"				"Antlerless Elk"			
Unit	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested	Licensed Hunters	Harvest Success	Bulls Harvested	Cows Harvested
09A	7	40%	1	1	10	22%	0	2
11A/B/C	15	73%	10	1	20	50%	1	10
15A	10	43%	3	1	16	23%	0	4
27A	10	70%	7	0	5	0%	0	0
30A	2	100%	2	0	2	50%	1	0



Prairie Elk Unit 30A

Current Unit



Proposed Unit Change

